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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 1035

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LIMA APPEARS NORMAL

1. MOST IF NOT ALL GUARDIA CIVIL UNITS COVERING BOTH TRAFFIC AND NORMAL POLICE FUNCTIONS ARE BACK ON DUTY TODAY. GOP ISSUED CALLS LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING FOR RECALCITRANTS TO REPORT TO DUTY. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE UNKNOWN BUT IT SEEMS THAT GUARDIA CIVIL CAPITULATED, REPORTEDLY RECEIVING NO MORE THAN A PROMISE FROM NEW GC COMMANDER ZAPATA THAT GUARDIA CIVIL WAGE AND BENEFIT DEMANDS WOULD BE VIEWED SYMPATHETICALLY.

2. LIMA STREET SCENE APPEARS NORMAL. GOP ANNOUNCED
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THAT TODAY IS REGULAR WORK DAY AND PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO REPORT TO

THEIR JOBS.

3. EIGHT P.M. TO FIVE A.M. CURFEW PERIOD WAS RELATIVELY CALM, ALTHOUGH QUIET BROKEN BY OCCASIONAL GUNFIRE. IN MOST CASES, THIS APPARENTLY CAME FROM MILITARY CALLING HALT TO CURFEW VIOLATORS IN SUBURBS AS WELL AS DOWNTOWN.

4. GOP VALIANTLY ATTEMPTED TO SQUELCH RUMORS BY REPEATEDLY ISSUING RADIO AND TV APPEALS. CONSTANT EXHORTATIONS TO REJECT FALSE RUMORS MAY ONLY HAVE WHETTED CIVILIAN CURIOSITY. FAST-SPREADING RUMORS (BY PHONE AFTER CURFEW IN EFFECT) INCLUDED REPORT THAT EXPLOSION AT RESERVOIR WOULD SHUT OFF LIMA WATER SUPPLY. IT WAS ALSO FEARED THAT ELECTRICITY WOULD BE CUT. HOWEVER, ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY CONTINUE FUNCTION NORMALLY.

5. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY ORDERED REUTERS NEWS AGENCY CLOSED FOR REPORTING "FALSE AND COMPLETELY DISTORTED INFORMATION ON EVENTS IN LIMA." AN EXPULSION ORDER WAS ISSUED FOR REUTERS GENERAL MANAGER PATRICK BUCKLEY AND CORRESPONDENT ANDREW TARNOWSKI (BOTH BRITISH NATIONALS).

6. WE ARE REPORTING LIMA PRESS ACCOUNTS RE ASSIGNING BLAME FOR FOMENTING CIVIL STRIKE BY SEPTTEL.
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